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FM AMEMBASSY SANAA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4743

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANAA 2583

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TAGS: OTRA, PFOR, YE, FT

SUBJECT: VISIT OF FTAI HIGH COMMISSIONER

REF: ADDIS ABABA 14637

1. FRENCH EMBOFF TOLD ME DEC 18 THAT FRENCH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN FTAI CHRISTIAN LEBLANC HAD BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH HIS RECENT VISIT TO YEMEN. ALTHOUGH VISIT HAD BEEN UNOFFICIAL ORIENTATION TOUR, HE HAD BEEN WARMLY RECEIVED BY PRIMIN AL-AYNI. LATTER HAD EXPRESSED PRIVATELY SYMPATHY FOR FRENCH POSITION IN DJIBOUTI, WHICH YARG VIEWS AS ISLAND OF MODERATION AND STABILITY IN AREA EITHER OF INSTABILITY (ETHIOPIA) OR OF RADICALISM (SOMALIA AND PDRY). EMBOFF NEVERTHELESS NOTED HE WOULD NOT EXPECT MUCH PUBLIC SUPPORT FROM YARG, IF FTAI BECOME AFRO-ASIAN COLONIALISM ISSUE.

2. FRENCH EMBOFF ALSO NOTED THAT FTAI LOOKING TO YAR AS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR SOME ITEMS DUE TO SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA. FRENCH HOPING TO ARRANGE WEEKLY MILITARY FLIGHT ROUND-TRIP TO SANAA TO PROVIDE FOUR TONS FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, BUT NOT SURE THAT YEMENI AGRICULTURE SUFFICIENTLY COMMERCIALIZED TO ALLOW SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT.

3. FOR ADDIS ABABA: UPON RECEIPT REFTEL, I INFORMED FRENCH EMBASSY THAT I WOULD BE AVAILABLE ANY TIME IF LEBLANC  
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WISHED TO SEE ME. BECAUSE OF TRAVELING, HOWEVER, HE WAS

UNABLE TO DO SO.  
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